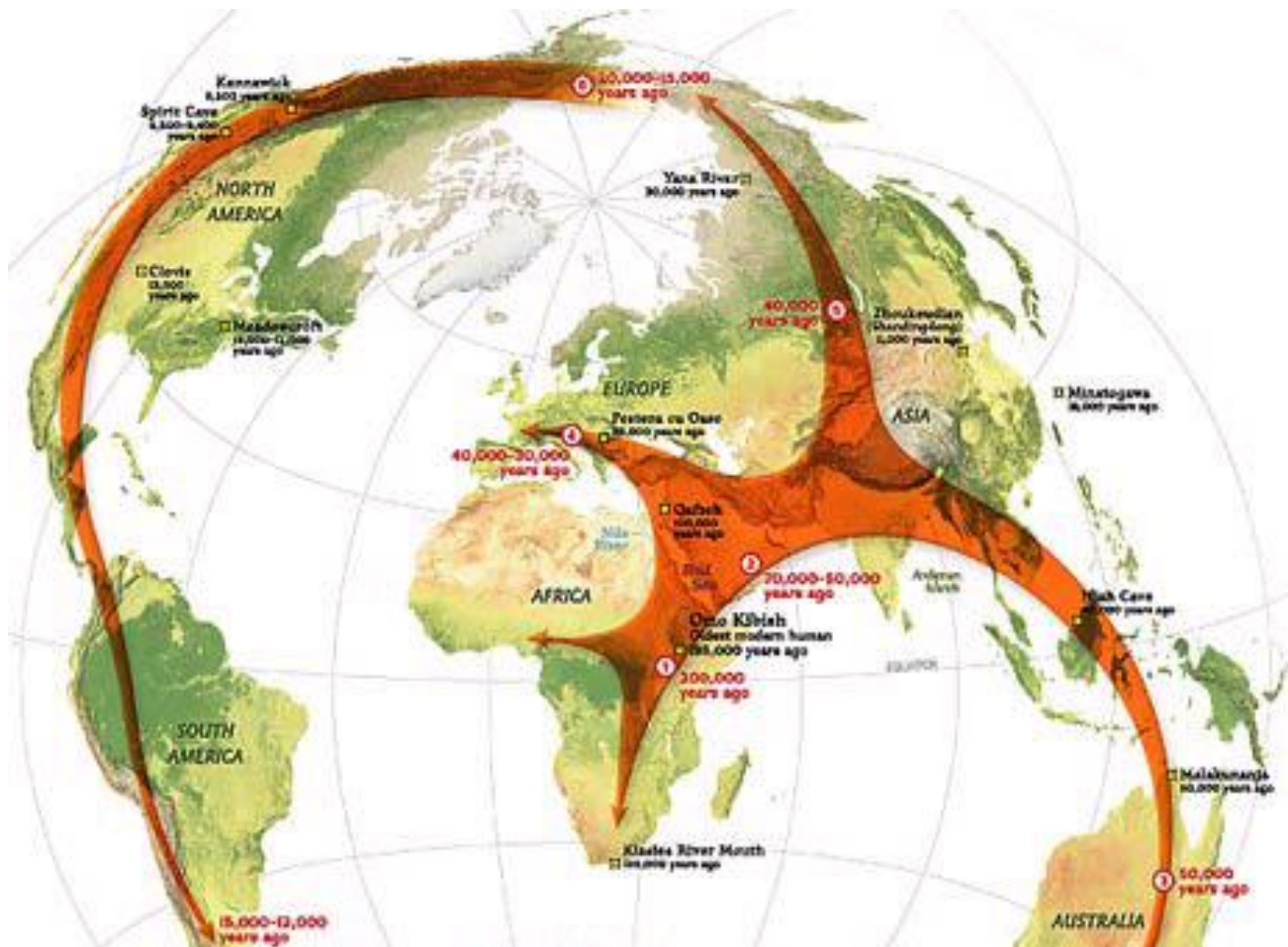


Ancient Stuff:

- 8000 BCE to 600 CE

Migrations of the hominids



Paleolithic Age



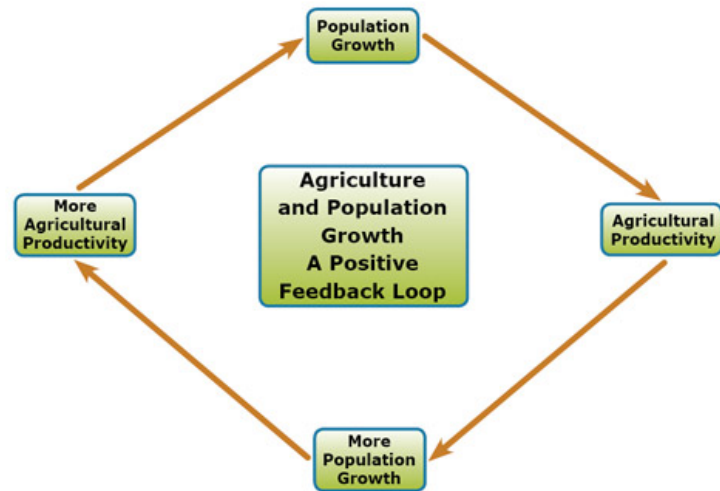
- 12,000 years ago
- “Old Stone Age”
- Hunting and gathering
- Women received equality in society

Neolithic Era



- “New Stone Age”
- 12,000 – 6,000 years ago.
- Domestic Animals
- Early stages of agricultural society.

Results of the population explosion



- Emergence of towns
- Civilization Evolved
- Specialization of labor
 - Pottery
 - Metalworking
 - Textiles
 - Social structure
 - Religion

First Civilizations



Mesopotamian Society



- Land between the rivers
 - Tigris and Euphrates Rivers
 - Modern day Iraq
- Irrigation system
- Defensive walls
- Kings ruled in cooperation with nobles

Ziggurats: stepped pyramids associated with Sumerian cities



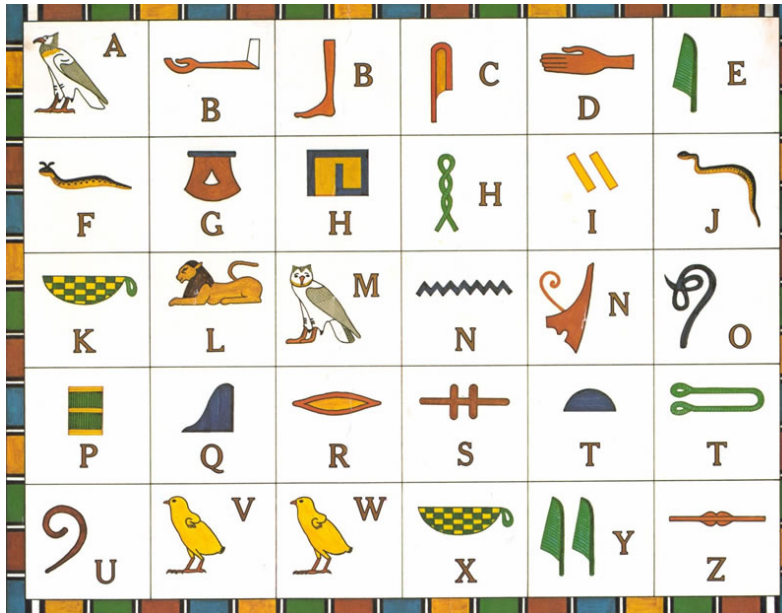
Code of Hammurabi



Egypt and Nubia



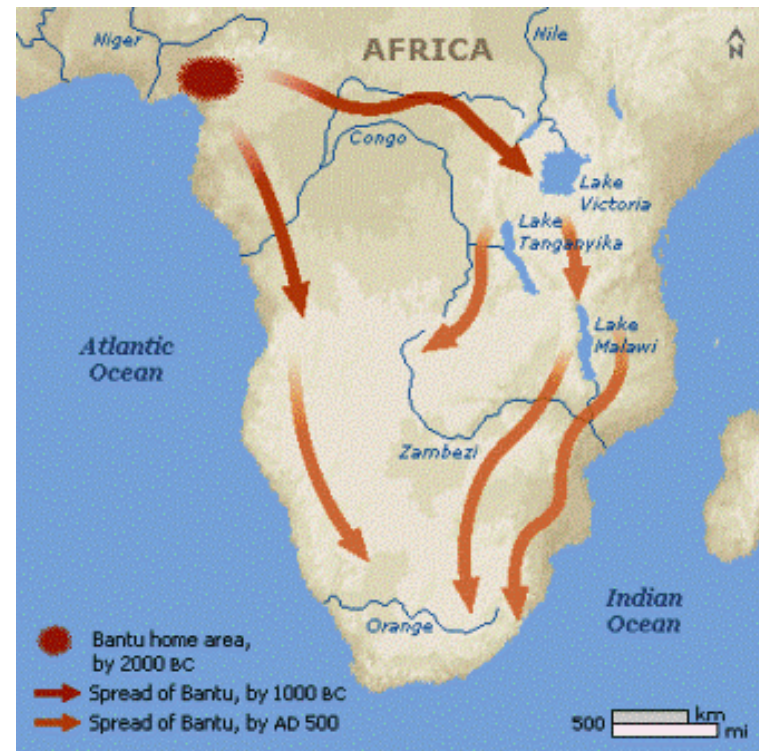
Egyptian Achievements



- Hieroglyphics – system of writing to communicate.
- Interested in astronomy. Which led them to a fairly reliable calendar.
- Mummification came about due to their belief in life after death.
- They were convinced they could take earthly belongings with them to the afterlife.
- Egyptians were polytheistic.

West Africa: Bantu Migrations

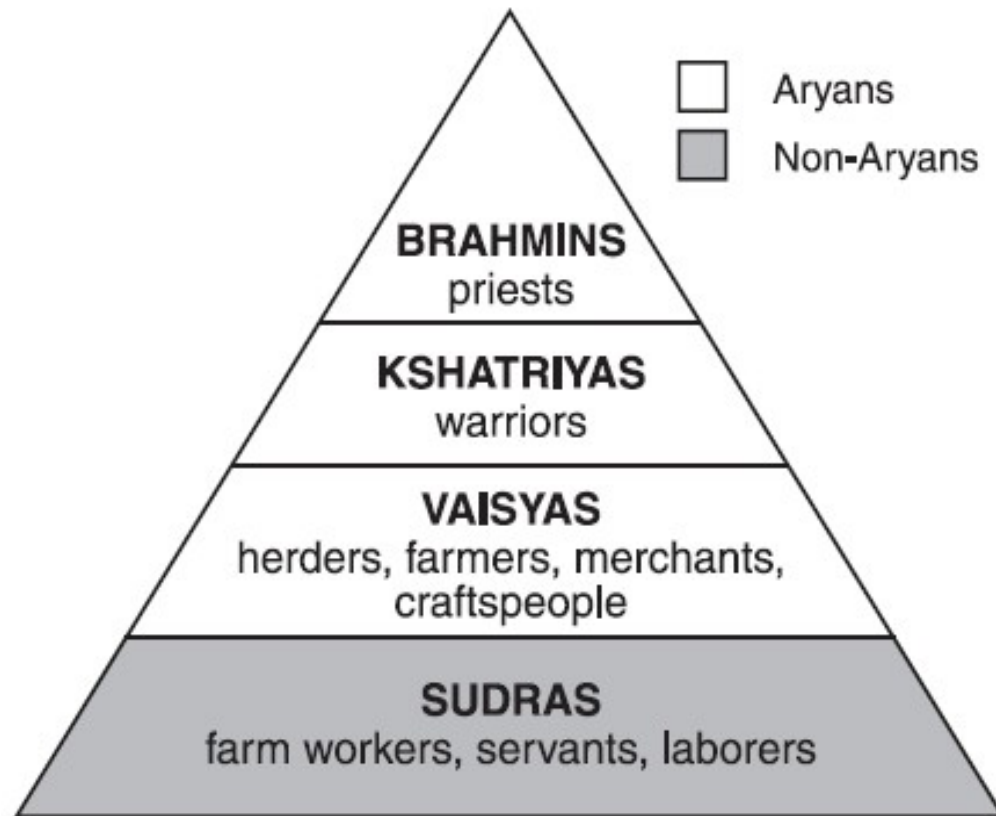
- Around 1500 BCE farmers in the Niger and Benue River valleys in West Africa began migrating south and east, bringing with them their languages and their knowledge of agriculture and metallurgy.
- Migration was spurred on by climate change; the Sahara Desert was too dry to live in.



Indus River Civilization



Aryan Social Structure



Source: *Guide to the Essentials of World History*,
Prentice Hall, 1999 (adapted)

Sanskrit

- Sanskrit remains a learned and sacred language in India today.
- English is a distantly related to Sanskrit. The relationship is show below:
- English Sanskrit
 - Mother Matar
 - Father pitar
 - Brother bhratar
 - Sister svasar
 - Son sunus
 - Daughter duhitar

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